bers of the SPCAs and also taken up steps to create public awareness.

(ii) State Governments are being pursued to nominate nodal officers for coordinating animal welfare activities.

(iii) Financial support is being extended to SPCAs to enable them to step up their animal welfare activities and take up prosecutions.

(iv) State Governments have been advised to set up State Advisory Welfare Board.

Indian Plywood Industries Research Institute, Bangalore

259. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature and amount of grants given to the Indian Plywood Industries Research Institute, Bangalore during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have any control over its management;

(c) if so, what is the nature of its management; and

(d) whether its report for the last three years have been made available in the Parliament Library?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute, Bangalore, is an autonomous organisation assisted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests dealing with research and utilisation aspects pertaining to Plywood Industry and also undertaking training activities through the Centre for Mechanical Wood Industries established within the Institute.

Government of India provide financial assistance in the shape of Grants-in-aid on year to year basis. The amount of such grants given to the Institute during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Amount
1989-90.....	Rs. 49.212
1990-91.....	Rs. 50.000
1991-92.....	Rs. 86.570

The general superintendence, direction and control of the Institute are vested in a Board of Governors of which Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govenment of India, is the Chairman and the Director, Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute is the Member-Secretary. This Board of Governor comprising Govt. representatives and some representatives from private industries provides guidance and directions on policy and other matters concerning the overall development of the Institute.

The annual reports of the Institute for 1989-90 and 1990-91 have been placed on the table of both the Houses. Reports for 1991-92 is being placed before the Annual General Meeting of the Society of the Institute shortly. Thereafter, it will be placed on the table of the Houses of Parliament.

Chilka Acquaculture Project

260. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing agitation of the people against the implementation of the 20 crore Chilka acquaculture project by the Tatas on the ground that the project if implemented will harm the eco-system;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to re-examine the project from the environmental point of view;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government of Orissa has since allotted 380 acres of additional land for the said Project; and